

March 5, 2002



Securities & Exchange Commission International Corporate Finance Room 3093 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Judiciary Plaza Washington, D.C. 20549



Your Reference No. 82-145

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of Velcro Industries N.V., a corporation organized under the laws of the Netherlands Antilles (the "Company"), and pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) of rule 12g3-2 of the Rules and Regulations promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"), we are hereby furnishing the Securities and Exchange Commission with three copies of the following information made public by the Company during the period November 17, 2001 through February 14, 2002.

- A. INFORMATION MADE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO LAW
- 1. None
- B. INFORMATION DISTRIBUTED TO SECURITY HOLDERS
- 1. Information contained in the Interim Report to Shareholders for the quarter ended December 31, 2001.

The foregoing information is being furnished to the Commission with the express understanding that it shall not constitute an admission for any purpose whatsoever that the Company is subject to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or any of the Rules and Regulations promulgated and/or administered by the Commission thereunder.

Cordially,

VELCRO INDUSTRIES N.V.

Peter A. Pelletier

Secretary

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### FIRST QUARTER INTERIM REPORT

THREE MONTHS ENDED

**DECEMBER 31, 2001** 

### VELCRO INDUSTRIES N. V.

### REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS:

Sales for the first quarter of fiscal year 2002 were \$57,982,000, which was a decrease of 5% from 2001. Operating earnings for the quarter were \$6,416,000, a 6% decrease from prior year.

The decline in sales for the quarter was the result of continuing economic slowdowns, particularly in North America. The negative impact of this drop in sales on operating earnings was mitigated somewhat by cost cutting measures and manufacturing realignments made during fiscal year 2001, and continuing into the first quarter of this year.

Investment income for the quarter was \$584,000, compared to income of \$3,622,000 for the first quarter of 2001. This decrease was directly related to large realized capital gains on sales of equity securities last year.

The above factors resulted in net earnings of \$4,095,000 (\$.14 per share) for the first quarter, a decrease of 43% from 2001.

On October 1, 2001, the Company adopted International Accounting Standard (IAS) 39 (revised), Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. Accordingly, marketable securities are now valued at fair (market) value, rather than the lower of cost or market value, with unrealized gains and losses included in equity.

VELCRO INDUSTRIES N.V. and Subsidiary Companies UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET At December 31, 2001

Current Assets
Current Liabilities
Net Current Assets
Non Current Assets
Long-term Liabilities
NET ASSETS

Equity Accounts
Less: Treasury Shares
Parent Shareholders' Equity
Minority Interest in Subsidiary Companies
TOTAL EQUITY

The notes to the unaudited consolidated interim financial statements are an integral part hereof.

At the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on February 12, 2002, all items on the Agenda in the Notice to Shareholders were approved. The following Directors were elected: Dominique Burnier, Edward J.S. Cripps, Robert W.H. Cripps, Derek R Gray, A. John Holton, Rodney C. Howkins, Pauwla van Sambeek-Ronde and Roy Walker.

The Board approved the following officers:

Robert W.H. Cripps

A. John Holton

Peter A. Pelletier

Chairman Deputy Chairman,

**Chief Executive Officer** 

and President

Secretary and Treasurer

Pauwla van Sambeek-Ronde

**Joint Secretary** 

For the Board of Directors

Robert W.H. Cripps

Chairman

eputy Chairman

February 13, 2002

Dec. 31	Sept. 30
2001	2001
US\$'000	US\$'000
85,878	91,715
<u>(47,986</u> )	(47,877)
37,892	43,838
244,338	218,286
<u>(43,326</u> )	(47,389)
<u>238,904</u>	<u>214,735</u>
245,603	221,434
(7,065)	(7,065)
238,538	214,369
<u>366</u>	<u>366</u>
238,904	214,735

## VELCRO INDUSTRIES N.V. and Subsidiary Companies UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED INCOME STATEMENT

Three Months Ended December 31, 2001

Ų.	Three Mon	Three Months Ended		
4	Dec. 31	Dec. 31		
	2001	2000		
	US\$'000	US\$'000		
Sales	57,982	60,988		
Operating Expenses	(51,566)	<u>(54,169</u> )		
Operating Earnings	6,416	6,819		
Interest Expense	(724)	(1,083)		
Investment Income	584	3,622		
Royalties and Other Income	<u>146</u>	<u>168</u>		
Earnings before Income Taxes	6,422	9,526		
Income Tax Expense	2,327	2,333		
Earnings after Income Taxes	4,095	7,193		
Income Applicable to Minority Shareholders		25		
NET EARNINGS	4,095	<u>7,168</u>		
Average Number of Shares Outstanding during the Period	30,040,490	30,040,490		
Basic Earnings Per Share (in US\$1)	.14	.24		
Dividends Per Share (in US\$1)	.15	.26		
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# VELCRO INDUSTRIES N.V. and Subsidiary Companies UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Three Months Ended December 31, 2001

	<b>'</b> #	Three Months Ended		
		Dec. 31	Dec. 31	
		2001	2000_	
		US\$'000	US\$'000	
Cash Flow from Operating Activities		11,687	109	
Cash Flow from Investing Activities		(6,362)	(5,755)	
Cash Flow from Financing Activities		(5,102)	10,306	
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		· 223	4,660	
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period		9,963	<u>7,206</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period		10,186	11,866	

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# VELCRO INDUSTRIES N.V. and Subsidiary Companies UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY ACCOUNTS

Three Months Ended December 31, 2001	1	Capital in	*		Cumulative	
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•	Stock	Par Value	Earnings	Reserve	Adjustment	Total
₹	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Balance at September 31, 2000	20,389	2,901	188,788		(6,198)	205,880
Net earnings			7,168			7,168
Adjustments on translation of subsidiaries					1,477	1,477
Other					(131)	(131)
Dividends declared			<u>(7,811)</u>			<u>(7,811)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2000	20,389	2,901	188,145		(4,852)	206,583
		Capital in			Cumulative	
		Excess of	Retained	Revaluation	Translation	
	Capital	Par Value	Earnings	Reserve	Adjustment	Total
	Stock	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
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	20,220	2,901	204,002		(5,858)	221,434
Balance at September 31, 2001	20,389	_,	4,095		(-,,	4,095
Net earnings			.,	18,210		18,210
Revaluation reserve for marketable securities as of October 1, 2001				7,233		7,233
Net increase in fair value of marketable securities	"			(168)		(168)
Net losses on sales of marketable securities				( /	(748)	(748)
Adjustments on translation of subsidiaries					53	53
Other			(4,506)			(4,506)
Dividends declared	20.380	2,901	203,591	25,275	(6,553)	245,603
Balance at December 31, 2001	20,389	<del></del>				
The notes to the unaudited consolidated interim						

## SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

financial statements are an integral part hereof.

### 1. Accounting Standards

Consistent with the most recent annual financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2001, the interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Accounting Standards (IAS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC) and adopted by the IAS Board.

On October 1, 2001, International Accounting Standard (IAS) 39 (revised), Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement was adopted. In accordance with IAS 39, the Company's marketable securities in its investment portfolio are classified as available-for-sale assets. Therefore, these assets are initially recorded at cost, and remeasured at fair value as of each balance sheet date. The difference between the carrying amount of marketable securities and the fair value at October 1, 2001, was \$18,210,000, which has been recognized as an equity adjustment. Gains and losses on the remeasurement to fair value are also recognized as an equity adjustment.

When marketable securities are sold, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognized in equity is included in income for the period. Fair values are determined from published price quotations of active securities markets.

#### 2. Dividends

The dividend of \$0.15 per common share payable on January 4, 2002 to shareholders of record as of December 5, 2001 has been recorded as a liability as of December 31, 2001.

### 3. Segment Information

For management purposes, the Company is organized on a world-wide basis into two business segments, manufacturing and sales and investments. Business segment information is summarized as follows:

For the Three Months Ender	d
December 31, 2001	

	Manufacturing <u>&amp; Sales</u> US\$'000	Investments US\$'000	Consolidation US\$'000	1
Segment Revenue:				_
External sales	57,982		57,982	
Investment income		584	584	
Segment Results	6,681	465	7,146	ι

### For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2000

Ма	nufacturing		
	& Sales	Investments	Consolidation
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
775	60,988		60,988
/ )		3,622	3,622
	7,109	3,500	10,609

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